

Senate Bill No. 811

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 103.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 811, Lara. State Highway Route 710.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law imposes various requirements for the development and implementation of transportation projects.

This bill would impose various additional requirements on the department, or on another agency, if that agency agrees to assume responsibility as the lead agency, with respect to the I-710 corridor project in the County of Los Angeles from State Highway Route 60 in East Los Angeles to Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach. The bill would require the lead agency, in consultation with all interested community organizations, to include, within the environmental review process for the project, alternatives to address the air quality, public health, and mobility impacts the project will have on neighboring communities, including, in its entirety, Community Alternative 7, as defined, as a complete project alternative. The bill would require the final environmental document approved by the lead agency to include an investment in identified mitigation measures and community benefits for the affected communities and the Los Angeles River. The bill would require the lead agency to submit a report in that regard to the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee at least 90 days prior to approving the final environmental document for the project. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 103.1 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

103.1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “I-710 corridor project” means the proposed program of improvements to the State Highway Route 710 Corridor in the County of Los Angeles within the State Highway Route 710 Corridor project study area, which extends from State Highway Route 60 in East Los Angeles to Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach. The I-710 corridor project does not include any extension of State Highway Route 710 through South Pasadena from State Highway Route 10 to State Highway Route 210.

(2) “Community Alternative 7” means an alternative infrastructure plan developed by a coalition of community partners, and submitted for consideration to the I-710 corridor project’s lead agency in response to the first draft environmental review document, and voted on by the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee to be included in the recirculated draft EIR/Supplemental EIS document.

(3) “Lead agency” means the department, unless another agency agrees to assume responsibility as the lead agency for the I-710 corridor project under the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code), in which case “lead agency” means that other agency.

(4) “Los Angeles River” or “river” means the Los Angeles River within the State Highway Route 710 Corridor project study area, including the adjacent tributaries of Compton Creek and Rio Hondo.

(5) “I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee” means the committee facilitated by the project’s lead agency as a part of the I-710 corridor project community participation framework, and is comprised of elected officials from I-710 corridor project corridor communities and funding partner representatives who make recommendations to the funding partners and the department on key assumptions and decisions in the environmental review process. The funding partners include the department, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the Interstate 5 Joint Powers Authority.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) The proposed I-710 corridor project is a project of national significance that is intended to expand capacity on State Highway

Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles to accommodate the movement of freight from and to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, thereby providing economic benefits in the region and beyond. However, the I-710 corridor project, as proposed, may have adverse public health, air quality, and quality-of-life impacts on residents residing near the corridor from East Los Angeles to Long Beach.

(2) The proposed I-710 corridor project is a “goods movement” project that should be aligned with the principles laid out in the 2007 Goods Movement Action Plan, prepared by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. These principles highlight the importance of goods movement projects that provide local communities with benefits and improvements.

(3) The proposed I-710 corridor project is a transportation project that should be consistent with the goals of Assembly Bill 32 (Ch. 488, Stats. 2006) and Senate Bill 375 (Ch. 728, Stats. 2008) of reducing greenhouse gases by reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing public transit use and active transportation.

(4) Community Alternative 7 includes these principles, goals, and improvements. On January 31, 2013, the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee voted to recommend that the lead agency consider Community Alternative 7 in its entirety in the draft environmental review document for the project.

(c) The lead agency, in consultation with all interested community organizations, shall include, within the environmental review process, alternatives to address the air quality, public health, and mobility impacts that the I-710 corridor project could have on neighboring communities. One of these alternatives shall be Community Alternative 7, studied in its entirety, as a complete project alternative.

(d) The final environmental document approved by the lead agency for the I-710 corridor project shall include an investment in identified mitigation measures where there are impacts to the affected communities and the Los Angeles River.

(e) At least 90 days prior to approving the final environmental document for the I-710 corridor project, the lead agency shall submit a report to the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee describing the identified mitigation measures and community benefits that

will be included in the project and providing evidence of meeting the requirements of this section.

Approved _____, 2013

Governor